

Travel Facts



US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens exercise increased caution when traveling to Cote d'Ivoire due to crime, health, civil unrest, and terrorism. Some areas have increased risk. DO NOT TRAVEL to Northern and Northeastern border regions due to terrorism. Consult its website via the link below for updates to travel advisories and statements on safety, security, local laws, and special circumstances in this country.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

Passport/Visa Requirements

US citizens should make sure their passport will not expire for at least 6 months after they enter the country even if they do not intend to stay that long. They should also make sure they have at least 1 blank page in their passport for any entry stamp and a visa that will be required. A visa is required. US citizens will need to get in touch with the country's embassy or nearest consulate to obtain a visa prior to visiting the country.

US Embassy/Consulate

[225] 22 49 40 00; US Embassy in Abidjan, B.P. 730 Abidjan Cidex 03, Côte d'Ivoire; <https://ci.usembassy.gov/>;

AbjAmCit@state.gov

LGBTQ+ Travelers

When venturing abroad, LGBTQIA+ travelers can face unique challenges since laws, attitudes, and legal protections vary from country to country. Consult the website via the link below to learn what precautions to take before and during your trip.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations/lgbtqi.html>

Telephone Code

225

Local Emergency Phone

Ambulance: 185; Fire: 180; Police: 111

Vaccinations

The CDC and WHO recommend the following vaccinations for Cote d'Ivoire: hepatitis A, hepatitis B, typhoid, yellow fever, rabies, meningitis, polio, measles, mumps and rubella (MMR), Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis), chickenpox, shingles, pneumonia and influenza. See WHO recommendations.

<http://www.who.int/>

Climate

Tropical along coast, semiarid in far north; 3 seasons - warm and dry (November to March), hot and dry (March to May), hot and wet (June to October)

Currency (Code)

Communaute Financiere Africaine francs (Western African CFA francs, XOF)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

220 V / 50 Hz / plug types(s): C, E



Type C



Type E

Major Languages

French, 60 native dialects of which Dioula is the most widely spoken

Major Religions

Muslim 42.9%, Catholic 17.2%, Evangelical 11.8%

Time Difference

UTC 0 (5 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

Potable Water

Opt for bottled water

International Driving Permit

Suggested

Road Driving Side

Right



Tourist Destinations

Grand-Bassam; Abidjan (includes St. Paul's Cathedral, Plateau Salam Mosque); Mont Sangbe National Park; Taï National Park; Jacqueville

Major Sports

Soccer, rugby

Cultural Practices

It is common to start and end social engagements by shaking the hand of all parties in attendance.

Tipping Guidelines

It is usually acceptable to tip at a flat rate of 500-2,000 francs at restaurants. 1,500 francs is normal for tipping hotel staff, and taxi drivers do not expect to be tipped.

Souvenirs

Wood carvings and musical instruments, tribal masks and ivory carved items; bronze, silver, and gold bracelets and seed or bead jewelry; woven baskets, pottery

Traditional Cuisine

Fufu — cassava and unripe plantains mashed together in water with a wooden pole; once the mixture is smooth it gets shaped into small balls that are placed in a stew or soup with meat

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